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# For: Method And Apparatus For Encapsulation Of An Edge Of A Substrate During An Electrochemical Deposition Process

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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 12, 2004**

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 12, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 12, 2004, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/6089.P1, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.